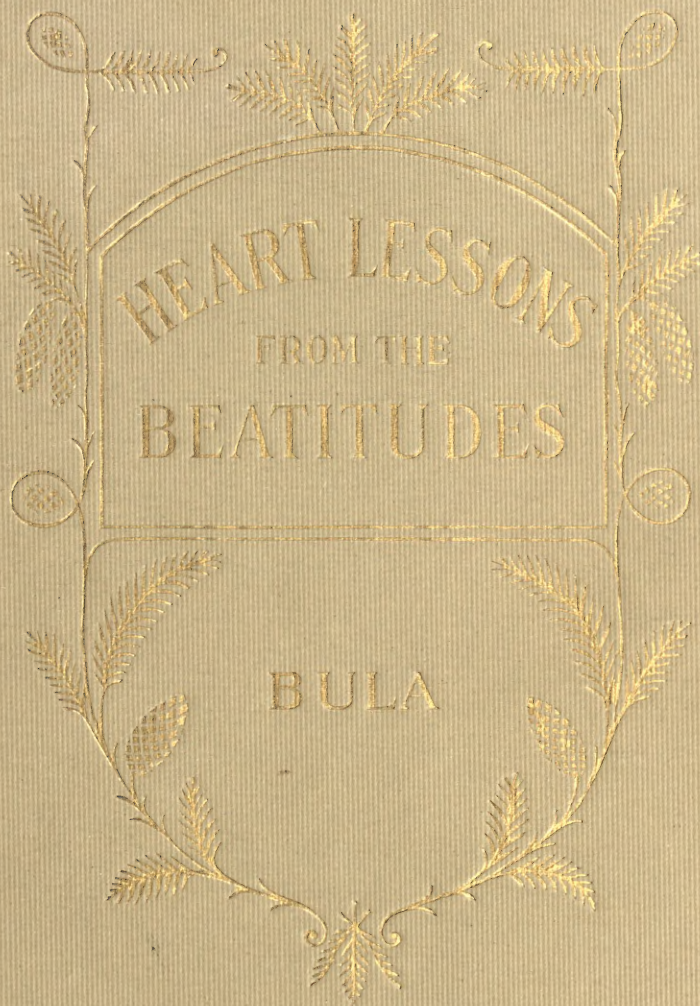


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HE thought of God that touched *FOREWORD*
thy heart today,

He loaned to you, O, hide it not
away.

His message---that, with inspiration
sweet,

Came as you worshipped at His pierced feet;
O, speed it on with wings of love and prayer,
And then another shall the blessing share.

His words of love---distilling as the dew,
Will cheer the faint---if God can channel you.

We send this message forth and humbly
pray
That weary wanderers who have missed their
way,

May through these words discern a humble
guide

Back to the heart---the love---the wounded side
Of Him whose love in BENEDICTIONS
fall

Upon the heart that crowns Him Lord of all.

—*The Author.*



GOD'S promises can never fail, on *BE THE*
Him we can rely; *THIN*



His ear is never heavy, for He hears
our faintest cry:

The "POOR IN SPIRIT" come in
faith with eager, trembling feet;
And find a kingdom full of love down at the
mere *feet*

The "MOURNER" ventures on His Word,
though *clouded with grief and sin.*

The prayerful, contrite heart is healed; God
takes the wand'rer in:

His hand the tender heart reacheth, and for a while
is *comforted*

The "mourner" comforted, with joy, pursue
the upward way.

BENEDICT- God pours His benedictions out like dews up
on the flowers:

The "MEEK" He makes inheritor of earth's
fair Eden bowers:

When from our hearts the breath of prayer like
perfume shall ascend,

Our souls enraptured, sing of Him, whose king-
dom n'er shall end.

The heart that tasted heaven's bliss cries out
for more and more:

The "HUNGRY" and the "THIRSTY" souls
are filled to running o'er:

A world of weary, burdened hearts may find a
place of rest--

There is no friend like Jesus! He will be our
heavenly Guest!

Thrice blessed are the MERCIFUL, for mercy *BLESS'D*
they'll obtain; *THO'*

Love overtakes her enemies, she has not run
in vain.

Hot coals of tenderness and love dispell the
flames of wrath.

Two yielded hearts in unity walk now in Mer-
cy's path.

Blessed are all the "PURE in HEART"! Their
longing eyes shall see

The King who broke the bands of sin and set
the captive free;


They see Him coming on the crest of sorrow's
threatening wave,

They see Him everywhere ---- and trust the
Mighty One to save.

BENEDIC- "PEACEMAKERS" shall be blessed, and
known as children of the Lord,
They have a love for friend and foe strong as a
three-fold cord;
They "stand for things that make for peace"
whatever may oppose,
Love is the weapon which they use to conquer
all their foes.

Pierced with a cruel crown of thorns --- the
PERFECTED
A privilege to suffer with the Saviour of man-
kind;
They feel the nail-pierced hand of Love and
hear the Saviour's voice--
"Be patient, if ye suffer here, with Me ye shall

Matt. 5:3.

lessed are the
poor in spirit
for their's is
the kingdom
of heaven....

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DOOR-STEP beggar! An acknowledged pauper! So very poor with no guest clothes. A spectacle for Pity's comment and generosity. Come poor or come never. Away with you

CHAPTER ONE

who bring a recommend of good works. Come rag-robed and you will get a hearing. Show Jesus the sin spots from the "sole of the foot even unto the head." Throw away the plasters of self praise. Just come "poor in spirit." God wants to hear your heart talk. The spirit must be broken. A tearless spirit is an unbroken spirit.

God is waiting to say "Blessed." His balm will heal. Through the death of His Son your foul soul robes may be cleansed. Then you will be no longer a door-step beggar, but a blest, dressed redeemed, honoured Christian.

Heard

you

Remember

"Theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The returned prodigal becomes a loyal subject of the King and heir to the throne. Inheritor of royal kingship and self-control, an authority not to be purchased but bestowed only upon kingdom heirs.

The warped and rebellious will ruled and ruined. God requested and commanded and as often, the will objected. We directed others to the right path but we faltered and fell. God's day for inspecting the management of soul interests revealed a restless, rebellious, murmuring trouble-making will. The warning of an irreparable loss brought us to terms.


The threatening storm of disaster drove us into the haven. We gave up. God took us in. What joy! What unexpected peace! An adjusted will arranged the complicated soul affairs. Troubles imaginary and real became telescopes revealing visions of God's love, transforming curses into blessings and mourning into joy.

"Kingdom of heaven."

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After the crash of worlds this heaven kingdom endures. Fortunes cannot quiet hearts. Hearts hunger. Hearts mourn. Hearts long for infinite love and tire of the earthly. God has left the soul a great estate. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," and it is ours by agreement. Signing the Lord's contract staggers many a soul. It is lawful, however, to hesitate long enough to search out sin, unload and sign the agreement. Little (?) sins, big sins, besetting sins are allowed no territory. This choice of doing right and being right will, through faith in God ("who is not slack concerning His promise,") entitle you to a "kingdom" of "peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." This is your heritage if you will "come poor."

Matt. 5:4.

lessed are they
that mourn:
for they shall
be comforted.



JESUS mends broken hearts. *CHAPTER TWO*

This is not the mourning for departed friends. The tear drops of a heart weeping for sin, demand the Lord's attention. These tears are valuable.

They are purchased tears, expensive tears, all blood-bought.

Sin makes rocky hearts. Tears can break adamant. Sin puts bars and bolts in the heart's door. Tears of contrition touch the secret spring, the will unbolts the door and at faith's pleading God walks in. Sin hurts. God heals. Sin leaves guilt. God pardons. Sin makes us ashamed. God speaks and tells us it is all forgiven and forgotten. God finds His way to the mourner. He has business with him and blessings for him. He would turn the stars from their course to get to him. God starts with

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blessings and He does not want to stop till he unloads them. He doubles up and pours out more than we can "ask or think."


The heart mourner has a faith grip in his will and a "face set heavenward like flint." Obedience flashes in his eye, springs in his feet, puts tenderness in the tone of the voice and touch of the hand.

Then he always speaks to us. Money is no inducement to Him. The rich man would pay millions for an audience with God, but it cannot be bought with money. Repentance is the price. The "poor," the mourner is the favored one. "Like as a father pitieth his children," like a mother bears the little one in her arms, so our Father says, "They shall be comforted." A sin-bedraggled, a wearied, worried, sunburnt wilderness wanderer, a rag-robed, hopeless pauper has come home. Such a reception! A feast for a soul, for God and angels! How the sin-wearied soul can rest and come close to God when He forgives and forgets the sin and wraps him around in His mercy. He is loved,

comforted, rested, honoured. He had a long *Heart Lessons*
weary journey away from home and he is paid *from the*
for the pains of coming back. Renounced sin *Beatitudes*
and a faith touch has brought triumph for
tears, joy for sorrow, plenty for poverty, gain
for loss; and it is all given for tears of repent
ance.

"They SHALL be comforted." God's "shall"
has no stint in it. Not a flaw, nor a failure.
Not a "business shall" backed up with a formal
contract, but a love "shall," a bounty "shall,"
all free for "whosoever, will."

Matt. 5:5.

lessed are the
meek; for they
shall inherit
the earth....



OD is talking. It is better that *CHAPTER*
we listen. He is telling us *THREE*
about business affairs and all
for our profit. Investigate and
you are bound to invest in
God's real estate. "The price,"
you say? Yes, that must be paid. Here you
would fall short, and but for the Banker, the
Elder Brother, who fixed matters up by atone-
ment covenant you would go without the in-
heritance.

"Shall inherit the earth." God makes such
tremendous offers. He knew we would be con-
fused or doubtful at his enormous offer, so He
sets another stepping stone for our incredul-
ous feet. He is constantly baiting us on, going
to much trouble and expense to show us sam-
ples of the wonders He is holding in His gift-
hand. "Shall inherit the earth." You say "Im-
possible!" Just wait a bit. Doubts spoil the

Heart Lessons contract. "Stagger not at the promise of God through unbelief." There is no discount on God's "shalls." This great fortune is for the • "meek." A proud look, a proud heart cuts one out of the inheritance. The "meek" are the patient ones. They have harnessed up with Jesus who said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest for your souls." They have pulled with Jesus when the loads were heavy and learned how to be quiet when criticised and abused. They are so occupied with the King's business that they make no note of slights. They are so thrilled with love to Christ who pardoned their guilt, that cutting words are answered only with the silence that *forbids*.

They may also be easily identified by an ornament of inestimable value which they wear—the "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which the sight of God is of great price."

Their ideal for home life estimates loved ones worthy of the "soft answer" and the same


tender tone of voice as the honored guest. This *Heart Lessons* heavenly refinement gives the life a superior *from the* finish and elegance so greatly desired in child *Beatitudes* training and its price is above rubies.

"Shall inherit the earth." An heir verily, but we must wait for the estate to be settled. Break the will? You will never get it that way. There is an easier way than that. Just DO His will and you will get your share. The rich unbeliever "spreads himself like a green bay tree." He adds acre to acre. He has all his heart could wish for. God is not tolerated in his heart nor business. God and religion are a real bother to him. If he must worry with religion at all, he can wedge in only about an hour a week on Sunday for God. Pity him! Envy him not, though he is rich and you are poor.

Is it hard to wait till the divine estate is settled? You may house in a tent; you may, like Jesus be without many comforts in this life. Be patient. You are an heir to heaven's fortune. "They (the meek) shall inherit the earth." Such names are mentioned in God's

Heart Lessons will. And what could we say about such an inheritance? We would break language into atoms in effort to explain what God is trying to tell us. We wait for the day-dawn of our Lord's coming to "fulfill all his glorious will and give us all things richly to enjoy."

Matt. 5:6.

lessed are they
that hunger
and thirst after
righteousness:
for they shall
be filled...



OD sets His bait for us. If He *CHAPTER*
can get us nibbling He will get *FOUR*
us. We will have the biggest
end of the bargain. Just see
what God baits His hook with.
He used it before. It works so
well, so He throws it out again. "Blessed are
ye." Who? What? Bite and you will know
all about it. He is talking about hungry and
thirsty people. A lunch would hardly fill the
bill. God has luncheons and dinners and feasts,
so you may have your choice. If a luncheon
will do that is all you will get.

"Between-meal" Christians are dainty. They
lack spiritual muscle, the health flush of Cour-
age and Faith. Too often fail in the test and
make weak soldiers. Spending much time in
the hospital, unready and unfitted to do God's
will anywhere. "Hunger is good sauce." The
hungry soul will not put up with a luncheon.

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He tires and sickens of stale worldly pleasures. Any such commodity that he may have on hand goes to the garbage. The infilling of heaven's joy must always be preceded by the shoveling out of worldly pleasure, self-conceit and self-praise. There is poor flavor in what the world offers. The Hungry souls **MUST** be fed. They are like the soldiers who were dying of hunger. A little dog that ran into the camp was immediately killed, torn in pieces and devoured by the starving soldiers. This is a sample of soul hunger and such determined faith always finds God's bounty. Such hearts are filled with satisfaction. Then, too, they win in the battle. They are not cutting off slices of worldly pleasure to sandwich their joy. They have found soul rest and more, for God adds "joy unspeakable and full of glory." They revel in green pastures and are "filled."

Matt. 5:7.



Blessed are the
merciful for
they shall
obtain mercy



GOD wants us to know His heart. *CHAPTER FIVE*
It is all love. We are beggars. God is very busy with our requests. We are always wanting mercy. Guilty indeed but ever pleading for mercy. God speaks to the point. We wonder why He talks about being merciful. Isn't it enough that He tells us to love HIM? No, no! He knows we dislike to love AS He loves, pity as He pities, and forgive as He forgives. Ah, he is finding us out and we will know ourselves better when He photographs us without retouching the unhandsome soul wrinkles. God and we have discovered that we desire His love but are not always merciful. He has heard us saying, "Lord, Lord," but observed that we had few kind words for an enemy. God looked surprised and sad when He heard us talking earnestly of the faults and sins of another but kept our own hid. He frowned with disfavor

Heart Lessons from the Beatitudes when He saw us slight the one with whom we once walked in love and unity. He heard us repeating the wrongs of our neighbor's child but carefully avoided the mention of the sins of our own kin.

Our boundary of mercy does not often extend farther than our own line fence. We feel rather justified in our stiffness toward those who have attacked our reputation. We reserve our smiles, love and pity for friends and bestow slights upon our enemies.

God is "rich in mercy," but I am so very poor and destitute of the love that "covers a multitude of sins." What would become of my good name if I published my faults just as I do my neighbor's? How chilled would be my spirit if I had to wear the narrow cloak of charity that I wrap around my brother? God is verily "rich in mercy," but I am so poor because I love so little. I claim relationship with this "rich in mercy" God, but it is proven that I am bankrupt for when I received a grant of persecution, I found myself in possession of some-


thing I had not ordered. A cash payment of *Heart Lessons* mercy and forgiveness was required, but I was *from 10.* so willfully poor I presented only a promisory *Beatitudes* note of retaliation. I had thought congratulations quite in order for my apparent goodness. I considered myself a pattern for my faulty brother until God unmasked my merciless mercy.

God's hand drips with mercy drops of blessing but He must withhold it from us till we come to His terms.

Miss R. was bitter with resentment toward friends who had mistreated her. Their paths diverged. Favors were no longer exchanged. One day Jesus, who loved and gave His life for His enemies seemed to say, "What would you do if I would treat you like you treat your enemies? Why not love them as I have loved you?" That was enough. She melted with forgiveness. Love again brought hearts together and heaven and God was glad. If God would make a chemical analysis of your love, would he find a small proportion of mercy? He

He judges by the fruit. He can see it in the eye,
the absence of the smile of friendship, the "cold
shoulder" and the lack of the mercy tone in
our voices. His bounty hand holds back the
"Blessed." "Shall obtain mercy?" No, no!
We may beg for it, sweat for it and wish for it
in vain, till we show "mercy with cheerfulness."

Matt. 5:8.

lessed are the
pure in heart:
for they shall
see God.



OD has so many things He wants to talk to us about. Like a father He does not want us to miss any of His plans for us. It is the King's business, but more than business. It is an offer of all a father could give to a son. Earthly parents only have to hint about what they want of dutiful children and that is enough.

In this text, God is not making an offer to people who have to be coaxed and driven to duty. This "Blessed are the pure in heart," is an offer of purity, heaven's rarest treasure, to yielded obedient hearts. God deals in facts. God hates sin. We must hate sin. He points it out to us and we must look squarely at it. He searches the very root of sin and we must be willing to see the plague spot. What ever He shows us we must not refuse to see. What He requests we must not disapprove. What He promises we must not doubt.

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"Blessed ARE." Does this sound like waiting for death to save from the sin-plague? Death is "the last enemy that shall be destroyed." Christ alone is our Mediator. Is this a tomorrow promise? No! No! The "blood cleanseth." The atonement covers all my need now. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost." Down with the doubts. How doubts hide. Search for them. Drive them out. God says, "Blessed are (now) the pure in heart." Shall I contradict Him?


Heart, struggling heart. God is saying this to you. Have you found trouble within, that would turn you almost to despair if you did not look up to Him who hath hitherto been your help? This is your promise. The blood of Christ is all our plea. The world must know it. Hearts will believe it. We can tell it everywhere because Jesus said it. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God," in all the tests, adversities and sorrows that touch their lives. This soul whiteness makes room for the in-coming of the Holy Spirit, the power

and fitness for service. This places a pure motive back of every mistake. We can rejoice in an honest heart though we have often to grieve over an imperfect judgement. If we set ourselves above our brethren before, we are now humble. If we spoke of self before, we now exalt Christ. If we boasted that we were stronger than our weak brother we now constantly "take heed lest" we "fall." If another fail we censure him not. We lift him. We pray for him and love him.

Sin has made everything so black. It has stained hearts crimson and bespattered characters. It stings worse than adders and cuts deeper than sharpened swords. Helpless, hopeless and in despair, we hear the words that thrill us with expectation: "Blessed are the pure in heart." As we look up at the blue heavens and wonder at God's handiwork, as we breathe the perfume of the flowers, as we tread upon the waving blades of grass, everywhere, we see the truth of those living inspiring words "Blessed are the pure in heart," for

Heart Lessons they shall see God everywhere. This joy in-
from the spires us to patiently wait for the glorious day
Beautitude when we shall see the King in His beauty and
behold Him face to face. Has not our Calvary
Christ provided glorious things for us, but
never once asked hard things of us, for "His
commands are not grievous." He waits for us
to love Him supremely and with all our hearts.
Let us not be inattentive or we shall miss the
crowning and the glory of His unveiled face.

Matt. 5:9.

lessed are the
peacemakers:
for they shall
be called the
children of God.



PEACEBREAKERS! Could God *CHALLENGE*

ever call us by that name? *STEPHEN*

Peacebreakers! This christen-
ing is verily world wide. What
nation, state, community,
church and family does not

carry a scar that revives the memory of the
peacebreaker? A little close investigation may
reveal a more serious condition of heart failure
than we had known. Though he be religious
(?) we frown upon the trouble-maker and the
home-breaker.

One dark day of trial, in an evil moment the
mighty fell. The stalwart Christian character
crumbled. The sin was not vicious nor de-
grading, but here and there righteous princi-
ples were sacrificed for the favor of men. What
did we do? Went right off and told some one
else about it. We did not guard his influence
as we would our own, praying earnestly for his

Heart Lessons restoration, but watched every opportunity to find weak places in his once strong Christian character and kept our ears open to hear every *word* thing against him. What could God say about this? We were assuredly like our brother the trouble-maker; verily not entitled to the rare and lovely name, "Peace-maker."

"Blessed are." Analyze one of God's "Blesseds." When the Father places His great pitiful hands of love upon our unworthy, guilty, *sinful* heads, He says, "Blessed," and so it burns its way into our very nature and puts the divine trade mark upon us. The eye is no longer suspicious. When we see the wrong we love and pity just like God pitied us guilty wretches. The heart and ear have it all made up to shut the little door and listen only to *what men* *say* *are* *of* *good* *report*." If the voice must speak, it is with the greatest tenderness and carefulness, "lest" we also be "tempted." Where there is an absence of these qualities, we are shorn of the Lord's "Blesseds" in our lives. When God's benediction is upon us

we are following "hard after the things that *Heart Lessons* make for peace." If our friend's case is serious, *from the* God's ear will generally be the first and only *Beatitudes* one to hear about it. Here is a test even for a pious faith. "A hopeless case" is the universal decision. Faith says not. The Peace-maker will be constantly seeking new ways of making peace. As he puts in his investment of love, forbearance and faith; the one who reviled not again will be a Partner. This will insure results, and prompt us to hand over to Him matters which we made worse by tinkering. God's skill was not exhausted when He was through making the universe. Are we not ashamed with charging God with inability to show His competency in making bad hearts right? Oh, are we not ashamed and confused? Let us hide our faces! God can root out the rotten timbers in our characters, plane off the roughness, break in pieces the adamant natures and melt the heart to tears of repentance.

How we would give God the odd jobs that we could not do, but we like to show our mus-

Heart Lessons cle and display our talent on prominent tasks.
Learn this We can DO things! We are experts (?) We
Remember are important and want to be praised. God will let us botch things up just to prove that we are faulty. While we are sizing up our neighbor and deciding against him, lo! God is overhauling us. This is fortunate for us if we will let God have the contract for a finished work in our broken down characters. We were not aware of so many defects. We overestimated ourselves, boasted and failed, because God was not counted in. Our conceited effort became a slain Goliath. When will we learn to bring God to our help for the construction of a pure strong, courageous, hopeful Christian character? Fail now and always unless your heart purpose and covenant reads, "Hope thou in God, for my expectation is FROM HIM."


"They shall be called the children of God.

What a beautiful and appropriate name for God's representatives. "Peacemakers!" "Children of God." Imitators fail in the test. Peacemakers are known by their weapons of

love. Drawn or driven into a war of words *Heart Lessons* they conquer, for they always give the "soft *from the* answer" that "turneth away wrath." *Beatitudes*

"Children of God." Then He is with us. Oh wonder! God with us! Our Redeemer! Our home Helper! Our Comforter! Our business Adviser! Our Elder Brother, and He is WITH us and we are verily His children. We will say so when surrounded with scoffers; we will say so when threatened with failure and adversity; we will say so when unheeded and forsaken by friends and defeated by foes. When He has hidden His face and seems to have forsaken us we WILL say, "The Lord of hosts IS with us, the God of Jacob IS our refuge," and we are His children.

Matt. 5:10.

lessed are they
which are
persecuted for
righteousness' sake:
for their's is the
kingdom of heaven.



GOD has special use for strong, *CHAPTER*
well-seasoned timber. His *PLANTING*
building material must consist
of sound Christian character.
He can use no other. How dif-
ferently than God would we do

things. We would have all sunshine and no clouds, no storms, no piercing winds. God knows best. Why, then, do we so often underestimate Him in His wisdom and care for us? Let us look for God in the storms. The oak tree bares its branches to the whirling wind and defies the blast. Deeper into the earth its roots extend. Its strength and beauty are soon apparent and its use indispensable. God will make the storm do as much for us. He has employment for sturdy, thrifty Christians.

When will we ever learn to let the Lord manage our affairs and take gladly what He permits? When we learn this lesson, then we will begin to grow strong and fit for God's use.

Heavenly Lesson "Persecuted." The Lord always begins right and ends right. He sets us out with a fortune, and gives us a liberal dowry to begin with; makes it possible for us to succeed.

"Blessed." This word which He says sounds all right to us, suits very well. But we wish He would stop at that word. God says more. He says: "Blessed be ye that are persecuted" (1) that a part of the Christian's inheritance? Yes. We must "suffer with Him," if we would "reign with Him."

In India the heathen who are converted and baptised in the Christian faith are disowned. All class and family relations cease. Would we endure as much for "righteousness sake?" Are we loyal to God at any price? Do we follow "afar off," for fear of the persecution and the cross? What does our profession of religion stand for? What is its worth to us? Has the Lord imparted the divine touch that makes us love Him truly? Do not miss the benediction! When He said "Blessed," His love is ours.

This love takes our enemies into our heart circle and gives us capital for the King's business. *Heart Lessons from the Beatitudes*
We are ready for investment, profit or loss. The greatest loss or adversity does not reduce our capital. "Blessed." If we are harassed with continued annoyances, the blessing increases. Is the criticism unjust? Is our name cast out as evil? Are we charged with dishonesty? Well, see to it that we are pure and God will look after our interests and He can do it much better than we can. He is the great Inspector. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." He reads motives. Heart rightness will bring the blessing.


Be content to wait, to suffer, to be quiet. It is all and enough if God can and does say to you, "Blessed." That will heal all the thorn pricks of persecution. It will sweeten the wormwood cups. But oh, be right and you will be blest. Let God look into your motives and see "no guile."

"Their's is the kingdom of heaven." "All is

Heart Lessons yours, ye are Christ's and Christ's is God's."

Beattitudes "Be quiet, then, for "when thou passest through the waters I will be with thee." God will hold thee up. Hear Him say it! "Thou shalt be a crown of glory in the hand of thy God."

Matt. 5:11, 12.

lessed are ye when
men shall revile
you and persecute
you and shall say all
manner of evil against
you falsely for my sake.
..Rejoice and be exceed-
ing glad, for great is
your reward in Heaven.



THE words were dipped in poison. CHAPTER
We gave a cup of cold water. NINE
but received a drink of gall in
return. We "laid our own ad-
vantage by to seek our neigh-
bor's good," and were cheated
and abused. We "answered never a word" as
we beheld our influence slaughtered (for a
time) with the sharp sword of revenge. We
spoke tenderly but were answered sharply.
We were at our wits end. Our hearts were
"wounded in the house of our friends." The
piercing brought tears mingled with pity and
love! Just then Jesus came! He helped! He
pitied! He healed the hurt! He spoke to us!
What loving words! There was no sting in
what He said. There was no blame in His pity.
"Blessed are ye when," yes, when the reviling
swept like billows of wrath; when the perse-
cution was bitter; when all manner of evil was

How "I bless myself" spoken, how He blessed! It was as if the Lord timed Himself for He came just WHEN we needed him. While enemies reviled, He blessed. "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." He mixed heaven's sweetness in our cup of sorrow. Shadows of gloom were dispelled with glory.

All that an enemy had done was overdone and outdone by the great Blessor who "makes ALL things work together for good to them" that "love" Him.

This "blessed are ye" corresponds with another important date the Lord has on His sympathy calender. Make your memoranda for future emergency reference. "WHEN the Lord giveth quietness WHO THEN can make us trouble?"

God does not forget His unappointed appointments with us. Too often we do not expect Him when the troubles press, but He knows we need Him and He comes to bless. Do not let Him take you by surprise. Let Him come to you by faith appointment and His

"Blessed" will be more acceptable and your *Heart Lessons*
triumph more glorious. *John 10*

"Great is your reward in heaven."

Matthew

If ye can by searching find out God, then you may ascertain the magnitude of your reward. You may be passed by as worthless in the world's important events, but your little errands of mercy and your gospel messages are momentous facts for God's chronicle. The beginning and the end of a righteous life are among the choicest of God's records. Each event is minutely noted.

You can trust Him to put in your hand the treasure---the reward coming to you. But you will have to go to heaven to get it, for our Father says, "Great is your reward IN HEAVEN."

This is the soul's great inducement. Set your face flint-hard toward heaven. Live for it! Believe for it! Heaven! That word above all other earth-words is homelike to the Christian foreigner. Heaven! That word is heartborn born and fully assures us of a better country'

Heart Lessons where God lives and where the Christian's home is. Oh, sweet heaven! There must be a heaven, where no harsh, blaming, warring words are ever heard.

Yes, heaven is the sanctuary, the refuge for those who have waited long for release from the thorns that pierced. Yes, yes, there IS a heaven where hatred and war and all that makes afraid is shut out forever and ever. This heaven is for those "who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Will you go? God has sent for you. Do not fail to be there. "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

PART TWO

*The Soul's Three
Appointments*

Exodus 19:16, 17



And Moses brought
forth the people
out of the camp
to meet with God

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OD bears the world upon His *CHAPTER*
heart. The magnitude of His *ONE*
mercies and the minuteness of
His care are marvelous. He
wants us to know Him. His
first introduction at Mt. Sinai
was the very best He could give His people
then.

And the Lord came down upon Mt. Sinai,
on the top of the mount; * * * and Moses went
up. Exodus 19:20.

And it came to pass on the third day in the
morning, that there were thunderings and
lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount
and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud;
so that all the people that was in the camp
trembled. Ex. 19:16.

And the Lord said unto Moses, And thou
shalt set bounds unto the people round about,
saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not
up into the mount. Ex 19:12. .

And the Lord God said unto him, "Where art thou?" And he said, "I have talked with you from heaven." Glad would He have been to have spoken face to face. Sin had taken man a long distance from God. When the guilty pair in Eden hid from Him and preferred the "pleasures of sin for a season," to a personal communion and fellowship with their heavenly Father they were unexpectedly defiled and separated from Him—the consequence of their own choice. Sin holds surprises for all who dare to take them. The fellowship was broken! The choice of "sin for a season" contained sorrow for them, and woe for a world. Their preference dismissed Him for other considerations. This seemed all right to them, for they were making their own decisions.

Adam and Eve had been intimate friends with God. How could it have been otherwise when they had lived with Him on the best of terms for perhaps one hundred years. God

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gone and they soon found it out in bitterness of soul. You would better make friends with God. You will find out that every "Thou shalt not" is brimming with benedictions. Figure it out any way you will; begin at the source and follow up every stream that flows from God's "Thou shalt not," and you will find green pastures, sparkling waters and quiet places. You will encounter storms but they are harbingers of coming blessings. Floods of sorrow and temptations bear upon their billows "joy unspeakable and full of glory." And this is all ours if we will not object to God's "Thou shalt

not."

What was God to do about this state of affairs? Satan had apparently gotten the best of Him. Satan had alienated the hearts of His children. An usurper had appropriated His property and God would not and could not stand for it. He must get them back. They had lost His image; He would restore it to them. They had wandered far; he would bring them home. They were eating the bread of

sorrow; He would give them a cup of joy. *The Soul's*
They were defiled; He would make them pure. *Introduction*
They were condemned; He would forgive. *to God*
They were in cruel bondage, under a hard master; He would release them. They had forgotten Him; He would reveal Himself to them again. Their minds were darkened by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; He would enlighten them.

God was all the time planning a way to get them back to Him. He talked with Adam face to face, in the garden, but the very nearest that He can come now, is upon the mount of Sinai. Here amid thunderings and lightnings He introduced Himself to the world and gave us the ten commandments.

"Thou shalt not" seemed like a stranger's introduction, but it was our Father coming with armloads of benedictions for those who would accept His denials as a valuable legacy. The ten commandments did not seem to count for value, but there were fortunes in every one of them, for investments with God are proven

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of the
Law

all and always safe. Look into the matter if
you will. Yes, He sent us to the pitfall of
the very thing that we desired. Then, the law
made requirements which we were unable to
perform in our own strength. We censure God
for thus making it doubly hard for struggling
souls. But now, when He is alone, He is get-
ting us just where He wants us. The law can-
not liberate us, but locates us in our hopeless-
ness. We must look to the mercy of His com-
mandments and we tremble with fear. We
and His commandments are alone. We wish
He had said more pleasant things. Does this
seem like meeting with a Friend? We write
Him down a hard Master. We are about ready
to give up the struggle, when we find out that
the hopeless man is the hopeful man. God is
wanting us to find out that we cannot help
ourselves. We must come to Him. He has
been watching us all the time in our single
handed fight with Satan. He has seen us down-
ed, disgraced and deceived under his (Satan's)
treacherous hand. He followed us up with of-

fers of help but we willfully struggled alone. *The Soul's*
He found a world out of breath--no longer in *Introduction*
Eden's garden of peace and plenty but sin-de- *to God*
filed and wandering wearily over the face of
the earth.

A strange introduction God was giving in the ten commandments. Could He be a Friend and introduce Himself amid thunderings and lightnings, and say nought but "Thou shalt not," to a struggling sin-stricken world? Ten times He said, "thou shalt not," and as often we said, "I consent unto the law that it is good but how to perform that which is good I find not." This acknowledgment is the soul's crisis and God's opportunity. He came to meet the law--our school master to bring us to Christ." So much for the introduction.

God talks with the sinner "from heaven" but He desires to commune with us face to face. He is not satisfied with an introduction; neither are we. He was interested in us and He proved it. Jesus, His Son was the very best expression of His love--His gift to a sin-ruined world. God came to the summit of Sinai, but

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the people stood afar off. Sinai means "pointed mount," so God arranged a special appointment for us in the person of His Son at the mount of the Beatitudes.

His Sinai introduction pointed to better things. He came down as far as Sinai and gave a message to the people through Moses on tables of stone, but He must come nearer, so He sent Jesus our Brother, Saviour and Friend to us. He became earth scarred and oft-weary! His humble and lowly parentage and social standing excluded Him from many homes. His humble birth in the stable, His simple life of self-denial and His humility made Him to be "despised and rejected of men." He "carried our sorrows" to shield us from the crushing consequences of sin and woe. He, as the Princely Pauper, walked among men and the perfume of His love, the precious words of life, the touch of His healing hand, and the tenderness of His pity moved hearts with a holy influence.

Yes, He came and we did not know that He

came just for us, until heavy-laden we ventured to come to Him. We told Him all our sins, hard as it was. Bruised by sin and broken hearted for sin, we dared not look up, till we heard Him say, "Look unto me and be ye saved." "I was bruised for thy iniquities and wounded for thy transgressions." "I died with a broken heart and gave my life for thee!" "Look unto me and be ye saved." O, those words! We ventured our faith on His promise and lo! the sin that we put away, was all taken away! Forgiven and forgotten! The burden of guilt was a heavy load but He lifted it! How could we doubt when we had His word for it? He had said, "If we confess our sins," He would be "faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Just like a true Father He was so glad to forget, and never once referred to our sins again. "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions," "and will not remember thy sins." But that was not all He did: for us. We had more than His Word. He gave us a sweet assurance in our hearts that

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we were His children. Read the promises. "Ye ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father." The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Did we know it? Yes. How? "Hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath ~~given us.~~" ~~Thus the inner man--the soul, the~~ spirit--is made conscious of His presence as the outward man is conscious of pain or pleasure.

We met Him on the mount of prayer
And found 'twas blessed to be there.

Trials came but we found Him true to His promise--"a present Help in time of need." We were often perplexed and tried in vain to adjust tangled circumstances. Matters only grew worse until the Lord proposed that we make Him our confident. If we were turned down after a few words of advice, He suggested that we "strive not about words," but refer the matter to Him. This was a hard lesson for us to learn, but as we kept still and

secretly told Jesus, how often did He answer *their* prayer, and we saw the very thing of *their* consolation which had seemed so impossible to *them*. We found out that there was a fortune wrapped in every bundle of grievous or tangled circumstances, if we would look for it.

Then He taught us that prayer was just talking to Him—saying just what our hearts felt. This was the soul remedy for worry and disquietude. This secret of prayer, patience and faith gave us the key to three promises which have never failed. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." "With God all things are possible," and "All things are possible to him that believeth." These promises have taken us safely through floods of sorrow, fiery trials and fierce temptations.

With Daniel we found the lion's den a resting place; with the Hebrew children our fiery furnace became a medium of purity and patience; with Joseph, the pit and the prison of our sorest trials, became an ante room to a throne of success.

Matt. 5:1-2.



And seeing the multi-
tudes He went up
into a mountain:
and when He was set His
disciples came unto Him
and He opened His mouth
and taught them saying,
“Blessed”

The Soul's Reception



but at the mount of the Beatitudes receives the first revelation of a loving Father --- the first taste of Divine love---the first privilege of son-ship---the first heart-throbs of a soul "born from above."

The compassionate heart of Jesus was ever "seeking the lost and the forgotten," and he sought relief from the busy throng. "He went up into a mountain." Jesus may seem to go away from us, but His absence is an invitation for us to seek Him in earnest prayer and devotion. Those who go with Jesus to the mount of prayer find themselves far above corroding cares. At Sinai God was hidden. The people came only to the foot of the mount, and by command. "When He came down, His disciples came unto Him." They needed no command for their eyes were ever upon Him.

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They came close and sat down at His feet. They were convinced that He loved to talk with, and instruct them. "When He was set." Yes, He had time to sit down and instruct them concerning their great need and His great salvation. "And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying." This was God speaking! For He said, "I and my Father are One." This is the Friend that spoke at Sinai. We misjudged Him when He gave us over to the "law our schoolmaster." We thought His plans were wrong. We could not see His love in His law, but we see it now, for we have met Him; we know Him that "He is the Christ" verily our Friend.

God has spoken again in the Beatitudes---His heart-message to the world. He gave us the commandments to show us what we ought to do. Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show us what we ought to be. The ten commandments introduce us to God; the Beatitudes give us an intimate acquaintance with Jesus. The commandments show us what we must do; the

Beatitudes gives us power to do. The com- *The Soul's*
mandments reveal God's law; the Beatitudes *Reception*
reveal His love. The commandments show us
the way of righteousness; the Beatitudes give
us power to walk therein. The commandments
show us our need of being saved; the Beati-
tudes reveal the Savior. The commandments
show us our duty; the Beatitudes our privilege.
The commandments show us our weakness;
the Beatitudes reveal the source of strength.
God gave us the commands; Jesus gave the
promises. The law holds us captive; helpless
and lost, we groan under the burden of condem-
nation. To us the ten commandments are ten
condemnations. Obey them we must; keep
them we cannot, in our own strength. The
must of the commandments, and the mercy of
the Beatitudes are linked together with Jesus
the tenth Beatitude, bestowing power within
us to keep the commandments and make us
recipients of His divine Benedictions.

Obedient and happy we pursue the upward
way. "All things become new." We find Him

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always faithful, but we soon find ourselves a principle, which if yielded to, would make us unfaithful. He is "altogether lovely" but we are often reproved for our unloveliness. We have a spasmodic zeal in His service but are sometimes embarrassed by a sluggishness in performing it. We find blessing in affliction, but at times dare to think within our hearts that "God hath forgotten to be gracious." Like Peter our courage is sometimes overbalanced by the fear of man, when hard pressed and off our guard. We rejoiced in the atmosphere of prosperity, but was discouraged by a counter current of adversity. We are assured by success, but disheartened by failure. We are inspired by God's promise, but lean on a prop instead. We are glad for the cross, and more so if cheered by the crowd. We are delighted by the prospect of privilege, but depressed by the drudgery of duty. We are often happy on the way, but too often tell of the trials by the way. We endeavor to keep up with God but are often lagging. We find the conditions of

our spiritual atmosphere decidedly changeable. *The Soul* and long for many favorable relations. But His will is done. His best for us but as His holiness did not permit Him to be at Bethany and Jerusalem at the same time, so His spiritual manifestations to the immature christian are varied and repeated. *He is the Father of the Fatherless* and He is the one to whom we turn for the assurance of One who would abide with us forever. *Abide in Me* and I will abide in you. *He is the Father of the Fatherless* and He is the one to whom we turn for the assurance of One who would abide with us forever. *Abide in Me* and I will abide in you. *He is the Father of the Fatherless* and He is the one to whom we turn for the assurance of One who would abide with us forever. *Abide in Me* and I will abide in you.

John 14:16.



e shall give you
another Comforter,
that He may abide
with you forever.

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IT is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send Him unto you. *John 16:7.*

And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.

And He led them out as far as Bethany and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass while He blessed them He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

It was best that Jesus go away, for He would send the "promise of the Father" upon all those who would tarry in earnest believing prayer, until they were endued with "power from on high."

"He led them out as far as to Bethany." How sweet to follow just when and where He leads.

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Quest*

God takes us to the mount of prayer but we must bring our heart worship and faith if we would receive the "promise of the Father." How many times God has brought us "as far as Bethany" but we did not stay long enough to receive His message and His power and fitness for service. The busy world called after us and back we went faint-hearted, leaving Him upon the mount of prayer where He wrestled so often alone. How many times we heard Him say, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" But the glad day came when His call to prayer found a deep response within our hearts. God was glad for our visits with Him, and arranged for a permanent abode in our hearts. Knowing this was our privilege we were captivated. We would not question nor change His plans. We were ready for the cross---eager for His least request. Yes, we were there (in spirit) when He "led them out," and He let us go with Him in earnest, believing prayer, "out" of our indifference into heart groans "which cannot be uttered." Out of self

into an uttermost Savior. Out in earnest confession of the sin-plague and our great need. *Abide!* Out of humiliation into triumph. Out from *human* human plans into utter abandonment to all God's will. God is coming closer to the heart. We heard His voice! "He led"--we went we tarried--for we heard Him say, "Tarry ye until ye be endued with power from on high." This appointment with God was not a mountain--in the open, surrounded by disturbing influences, but an "upper room," a type of the heart, where siren voices are shut out, where sin and self are dispelled and warring wills are silenced. Here in the soul's "upper room"--where not a discordant note of unbelief is uttered, we tarried, we believed and He came, the Holy Spirit our Comforter! God at last found His place back in the heart! Satan had no claims for Christ was "all and in all." There is no shrinking from the divine will. Duty is always privilege and the cross never irksome. The heart is cleansed from all sin and "endued with power from on high." There is power for

service; compassion for souls and faith for victory! There is joy in sacrifice, resignation in affliction, exaltation in humiliation. We believe that He ~~was~~ ~~came~~ and He came. He came from our Father, Jesus our Mediator, the Holy Spirit our Comforter, to abide with us forever."



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